

In The Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Microphone unit for mobile equipment, comprising:
a microphone pick up located within a microphone pick up housing forming a chamber, wherein said microphone pick up housing defines a cylinder extending in a longitudinal direction along an axis of the cylinder wherein the microphone pick up housing has a shielding surface and a side surface wherein the side surface is perpendicular with respect to the longitudinal direction, wherein said microphone pick up housing is provided with three sound passage openings configured to receive sound from a sound field external to said chamber, said sound passage openings being provided with at least one wind noise reduction element each wherein at least one of said sound passage openings comprises a hole in said shielding surface wherein the hole has a length extending in the longitudinal direction that is greater than a width of the hole in a direction orthogonal with respect to the longitudinal direction wherein the three sound passage openings are aligned in the longitudinal direction, and wherein the microphone pick up is surrounded by the three sound passage openings.
2. (currently amended) ~~Microphone~~ Microphone unit according to claim 1, wherein said wind noise reduction element comprises a mesh having one layer.
3. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to claim 1, wherein said wind noise reduction element comprises a mesh having a plurality of layers.
4. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to claim 2, wherein the mesh is made of metal.

5. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to claim 2, wherein the mesh is made of polymer material such as nylon.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said sound passage openings comprises a hole in said side surface.

8. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to Claim 1 wherein the three sound passage openings are provided in the shielding surface of the microphone pick up housing.

9. (previously presented) Microphone unit according to Claim 8 wherein a fourth sound passage opening is provided in the side surface of the microphone pick up housing.

10. (currently amended) A microphone for a mobile electronic device, the microphone comprising:

a microphone pick up housing having a cylindrical shielding surface defining cylindrical chamber therein wherein the cylindrical shielding surface has ~~an~~ at least three elongated holes ~~hole~~ therethrough, wherein a length of each of the elongated holes ~~elongate hole~~ in a longitudinal direction of the cylindrical chamber is greater than a width thereof ~~of the elongate hole~~ in a direction orthogonal with respect to the longitudinal direction wherein the at least three elongated holes are aligned in the longitudinal direction;

a microphone pick up located in the cylindrical chamber defined by the microphone pick up housing wherein the microphone pick up is surrounded by the at least three elongated holes; and

a noise reduction element covering the elongated holes ~~elongate hole~~.

11. – 12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 10 wherein the microphone pick up housing has an end surface that is perpendicular with respect to the longitudinal direction and wherein the end surface has an end sound passage opening therethrough.

14. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 13 further comprising:
a second noise reduction element covering the end sound passage opening therethrough.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A microphone according to ~~Claim 15~~ Claim 10 wherein the noise reduction element comprises a noise reduction element on each of the at least three elongated holes.

17. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 10 wherein the noise reduction element comprises a mesh.

18. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 17 wherein the mesh comprises a metal mesh.

19. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 17 wherein the mesh comprises a nylon mesh.

20. (previously presented) A microphone according to Claim 10 wherein the noise reduction element comprises a mesh having a plurality of layers.

21. (new) A microphone according to Claim 10 wherein the microphone pick up comprises a directional condenser type microphone pick up that is surrounded by the at least three elongated holes.

22. (new) A microphone according to Claim 21 wherein the directional condenser type microphone pick up is canted at an angle relative to the longitudinal direction of the cylindrical chamber.

23. (new) Microphone unit according to Claim 1 wherein the microphone pick up comprises a directional condenser type microphone pick up that is surrounded by the three sound passage openings.

24. (new) A cellular phone comprising:
a front panel;
a mouthpiece provided in the front panel; and
a directional microphone unit adjacent the mouthpiece, wherein the directional microphone unit comprises,
a microphone pick up housing having a cylindrical shielding surface defining cylindrical chamber therein wherein the cylindrical shielding surface has ~~an~~ at least three elongated holes therethrough, wherein a length of each of the elongated holes in a longitudinal direction of the cylindrical chamber is greater than a width thereof in a direction orthogonal with respect to the longitudinal direction wherein the at least three elongated holes are aligned in the longitudinal direction;
a directional condenser type microphone pick up located in the cylindrical chamber defined by the microphone pick up housing wherein the microphone pick up is surrounded by the at least three elongated holes; and
a noise reduction element covering the elongated holes.